

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 18, 1981

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto House Bill 1054, for the following reasons:

I have stated publicly on several occasions that I consider gasohol as an important alternate energy source. I also believe gasohol regulation should be as simple as possible, and clearly understood by all concerned.

This bill would transfer the authority to issue gasohol permits from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to the Railroad Commission.

Another parallel level of gasohol regulation has also passed in the form of Senate Bill 228, which gives the Commissioner of Agriculture certain duties in providing for the registration of fuel-alcohol equipment and other duties regarding gasohol. I have already signed Senate Bill 228.

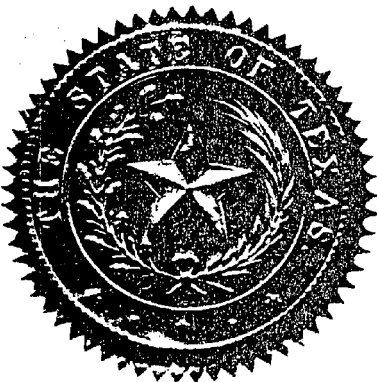
If I sign House Bill 1054 it will undoubtedly cause confusion and result in the state being uncoordinated in its approach to alcohol fuel regulation by having several agencies dealing with permits for gasohol.

Gasohol production is an agricultural by-product, and properly involves the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Agricultural Department. I would hope that at some future date the Legislature consider transferring the permitting of gasohol from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to the Agriculture Department.

To avoid confusion, I veto House Bill 1054.

Respectfully,


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Governor



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